

THE LONDON COSTER.

He is the King of the Curb in the British Metropolis.
London's outdoor man is the coster. He is the Ishmael of the gutters. A very jolly Ishmael, it is true, who is more than content to acknowledge the line of demarcation between himself and the true cocaine. But, nevertheless, in a modified twentieth century way he is still the wild man whose hand is against every man's and every man's against his. He is probably the last remnant of the world's old race of wanderers—the last suggestion of the primitive man—left to the cities. He is told now dweller what the gypsy is to the countryside. His descent seems to spring from the same roving stock. And he is regarded, from a safe distance, with the same contempt by those who don't know him. His habits and his impulses still savor strongly of the days when tribe warred against tribe and every man's arm was for himself and his clan. And, although his pitch is below the curb, his caravan a barrow and his beast of burden a Russian pony, a donkey or himself, he is as free and exclusive as any other lusty scion of the people who live under the skies. Ishmael he is, and Ishmael he chooses to remain. And the chances are ten to one that whoever goes a-fishing for information among the barrows will come back with an empty creel or a fine show of fishermen's tales, for your coster knows both how to keep silence and how to use his tongue picturesquely in defense of his jealously guarded traditions and the internal economies of his existence.—Outing.

THE ELEPHANT.

He is Good Natured, Docile, Obedient and Long Suffering.

"The elephant is the best natured beast in all wild creation," said a circus man. "Most people have an idea that the big beast is apt to go wrong any time and make all kinds of trouble for everybody. Now, as a matter of fact, I have never but once seen a freak of this kind. Then the result was directly due to the intolerable abuse of fat headed grooms. It seems to me that if some one was putting a steel point or hook into a soft joint of yours or mine many times a day and without any good reason for it we would show temper and tear up things too. The only difference is, the elephant has more patience. He is docile, obedient and long suffering. When an elephant gets a little out of sorts there is always some lightweight attendant, it seems, to fly off and say he is 'daffy.' Ninety-nine times out of a hundred the poor elephant has been badly treated, and, as he cannot talk, he does about the only thing he can do and trumpet his disgust or possibly goes a step further and eases his feelings by taking a crack with his trunk at something within reach. Elephants are as kind hearted and tender as women and respond to little attentions the same way, and in the same way, just like a woman, when they get snared, it takes a long while to sweeten them again if it can be done at all."—Chicago Chronicle.

At Anchor.

A chief of bureau in the navy department tells a good story of the time when one of the secretaries of the navy got the notion into his head that officers should not permit their wives to reside at the foreign stations to which their husbands might be attached. So an order to that effect was promulgated. Soon thereafter considerable perplexity and no little amusement was afforded the secretary when he received the following cablegram from Commodore Fife, then in command of the Asiatic squadron:

Secretary Navy, Washington:
It becomes my painful duty to report that my wife, Eliza Fife, has, in obedience to my orders and in the face of regulations of department, taken up her residence on the station and persistently refused to leave.

—Harper's Weekly.

Male Birds Lead the Way.

When birds are migrating the males usually precede the females. The robins, for instance, which are seen early in the year, are almost invariably males, which apparently traveled on before their mates. The female birds follow, perhaps because they are not so powerful and also perhaps because they like to take their time and gossip with one another. In the fall the male birds leave first—the old ones—while the females travel along together with their young, solicitous for their welfare and still training them after the fashion of mother birds.

A Polite War.

A little boy, with an interest in the meaning of unfamiliar words, said to his mother, "What is the meaning of 'civil'?" "Kind and polite," answered his mother. A puzzled look brooded for a second on the boy's face. Then he said, "Was it a kind and polite war that was in this country once?"—Pacifist Unitarian.

The Jester.

He that will lose his friend for a jest deserves to die a beggar by the bargain. Such let thy jests be that they may not grind the credit of thy friend, and make not jests so long that thou becomest one.—Fuller.

Placid and Contented.

"Mrs. Burns Cache seems to have a placid and contented mind." "Undoubtedly she has," replied Miss Cayenne. "She knows how well her new gown becomes her."—Washington Star.

I have somewhere seen it observed that we should make the same use of a book that the bee does of a flower. She steals sweets from it, but does not injure it.—Colton.

Mr. Gibson and Mr. Parker.

The Republican voters of Newark should prefer Richard Wayne Parker for Congress to John S. Gibson. The latter has been nominated by the "new Idea" Republicans, in conference, for apparently no better reason than that he has been an advocate of the Colby movement, and has made a fight against Major Lentz. These acts were creditable to him and valuable to the movement, but they do not constitute an argument for the substitution of Mr. Gibson for a man who has served his country and the United States honorably and well, and who has attained high position in the House by successive reelections, earnest work, devotion to duty and high personal character. It is not too much to say that if Mr. Gibson were the equal of Mr. Parker in all the first requisites of the place, he still could not attain Mr. Parker's present position in the House except by years of laborious devotion to the duties of the office. To change would seem folly, indeed.

If the objection to Mr. Parker is that he has favored the "machine" in this county in the past, it is probable he would have to plead guilty in part. He has certainly given heed to the recommendations of the political authorities of his party, and no doubt has been somewhat excessive in his loyalty to the "regulars" in the party; but his partisanship has not been of a self-seeking kind. The opposition to the "machine" has had the earnest support of thousands of Newarkers, who are prepared to stand by Mr. Parker now. They have never fought the old machine in expectation that a new one would be created in its place.

Mr. Parker is opposed by Samuel Gompers, president of the Labor Federation, in common with several other distinguished leaders of the H. C. I. who declined to support a bill which Mr. Gompers wanted against the use of injunctions by the courts in labor disputes. The bill was one which should not and could not have been passed, being the abolishment of a legal remedy which has been recognized as necessary for centuries. Mr. Gompers asks that the service of good men and true should be dispensed with because he does not like them. That is foolish, just as repulsive as that of corporation or political dictators.—Sunday Call.

Mr. Chancellor Accepts.

William E. Chancellor, superintendent of public schools in Paterson, and for a number of years superintendent of the schools of this town, has received and accepted a call to become superintendent of the public schools in the District of Columbia. The position was sought by many prominent educators in the country. Mr. Chancellor is alluded to as a progressive and forceful educator, and has been for many years a prominent figure in all deliberations of the State Educational Association. Much regret is expressed by the principals and teachers of the Paterson schools on account of losing their superintendent. Mr. Chancellor has gone to Washington to make an inspection of his future field of operations.

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